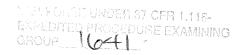
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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2007, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 2-20 are pending.

## Personal Interview

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Le and Yu during the November 27, 2007 Personal Interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.